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1. The 2010 resumed substantive session of the Economic and Social Council was held on 9 September, 25 October, 10 November and 14 and 15 December 2010 (48th-52nd meetings). An account of the proceedings is contained in the relevant summary records (E/2010/SR.48-52). The action taken by the Council at that session is summarized herein.

Chapter I

Matters calling for action by or brought to the attention of the General Assembly

2. At its resumed substantive session of 2010, the Economic and Social Council adopted a decision for adoption by the General Assembly. The decision is summarized below.

Enlargement of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

3. By its **decision 2010/263**, the Economic and Social Council took note of the request to enlarge the membership of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees contained in the note verbale dated 12 July 2010 from the Permanent Mission of the Congo to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (E/2010/103) and recommended that the General Assembly, at its sixty-fifth session, decide on the question of enlarging the membership of the Executive Committee from eighty-four to eighty-five States.

Chapter VII
General segment

A. Implementation of and follow-up to the major United Nations conferences and summits

1. Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

4. The Council resumed its consideration of agenda item 6 (a) at its 52nd meeting, on 15 December 2010. An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary record (E/2010/SR.52). For its consideration of item 6 (a), the Council had before it a draft resolution entitled "Establishment of an ad hoc panel of experts on the world financial and economic crisis and its impact on development" (E/2010/L.37), submitted by Yemen, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

Action taken by the Council

5. Under agenda item 6 (a), the Council adopted **decision 2010/264**.

Establishment of an ad hoc panel of experts on the world financial and economic crisis and its impact on development

6. At its 52nd meeting, on 15 December, following a statement by the President, the Council decided to further defer its consideration of the draft resolution entitled "Establishment of an ad hoc panel of experts on the world financial and economic crisis and its impact on development", contained in document E/2010/L.37, until its substantive session of 2011 (see E/2010/SR.52). See Council **decision 2010/264**.

B. Coordination, programme and other questions

3. International cooperation in the field of informatics

7. The Council resumed its consideration of agenda item 7 (c) at its 52nd meeting, on 15 December 2010. An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary record (E/2010/SR.52). For its consideration of item 7 (c), the Council had before it a draft resolution entitled "The need to harmonize and improve United Nations informatics systems for optimal utilization and accessibility by all States" (E/2010/L.44), submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Somduth Soborun (Mauritius), on the basis of informal consultations.

Action taken by the Council

8. Under agenda item 7 (c), the Council adopted **resolution 2010/38**.

The need to harmonize and improve United Nations informatics systems for optimal utilization and accessibility by all States

9. At its 52nd meeting, on 15 December, the Council adopted the draft resolution (see E/2010/SR.52). See Council **resolution 2010/38**.

10. At the same meeting, after the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Belgium (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union and associated countries).

E. Regional cooperation

11. The Council resumed its consideration of agenda item 10 at its 52nd meeting, on 15 December 2010. An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary record (E/2010/SR.52). For its consideration of item 10, the Council had before it the addendum to the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation in the economic, social and related fields (E/2010/15/Add.1).

Action taken by the Council

12. Under agenda item 10, the Council adopted **decision 2010/265**.

Regional cooperation in the economic, social and related fields

13. At its 52nd meeting, on 15 December, following a statement by the President, the Council decided to further defer, until its substantive session of 2011, its consideration of draft resolutions entitled "Upgrading the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia Section for Emerging and Conflict-related Issues to the level of a division and establishing a governmental committee on emerging issues and development in conflict settings" and "Upgrading the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia Centre for Women to the level of a division and follow-up to the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action in the Arab countries after fifteen years: Beijing+15" contained in chapter I, section B, of document E/2010/15/Add.1 (see E/2010/SR.52).

I. Social and human rights questions

5. United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

14. The Council resumed its consideration of agenda item 14 (e) at its 50th meeting, on 10 November 2010. An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary record (E/2010/SR.50). For its consideration of item 14 (e), the Council had before it a draft decision entitled "Enlargement of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees" (E/2010/L.41), submitted by the Congo.

Action taken by the Council

15. Under agenda item 14 (e), the Council adopted **decision 2010/263**.

Enlargement of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

16. At its 50th meeting, on 10 November, following a statement by the representative of the Congo, the Council took note of the request to enlarge the membership of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees contained in the note verbale dated 12 July 2010 from the Permanent Mission of the Congo to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (E/2010/103) and recommended that the General Assembly, at its sixty-fifth session, decide on the question of enlarging the membership of the Executive Committee from 84 to 85 States (see E/2010/SR.50). See Council **decision 2010/263**.

7. Human rights

17 The Council resumed its consideration of agenda item 14 (g) at its 51st meeting, on 14 December 2010. An account of the discussion is contained in the relevant summary record (E/2010/SR.51). For its consideration of item 14 (g), the Council had before it a draft resolution entitled "Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its forty-second and forty-third sessions" (E/2010/L.43), submitted by the President of the Council on the basis of informal consultations.

18. At the same meeting, the Secretary read out a statement of programme budget implications relating to the draft resolution.

Action taken by the Council

19. Under agenda item 14 (g), the Council adopted **resolution 2010/37**.

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its forty-second and forty-third sessions

20. At its 51st meeting, on 14 December, the Council adopted the draft resolution (see E/2010/SR.51). See Council **resolution 2010/37**.

Chapter VIII
Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments

21. The Council considered the question of elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments under agenda item 1 (Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters) at its resumed substantive session. The question was considered at its 49th, 50th and 52nd meetings, on 25 October, 10 November and 15 December 2010. An account of the proceedings is contained in the relevant summary records (E/2010/SR.49, 50 and 52).

Action taken by the Council

22. Under the item on elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments, the Council adopted **decisions 2010/201 E**, **2010/201 F** and **2010/201 G**.

Chapter IX
Organizational matters

D. Resumed substantive session

23. The Council held its 2010 resumed substantive session on 9 September, 25 October, 10 November, and on 14 and 15 December 2010 (48th-52nd meetings). An account of the proceedings is contained in the relevant summary records (E/2010/SR.48-52).

Action taken by the Council

24. Under agenda item 1, "Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters", the Council adopted **resolutions 2010/35** and **2010/36** and **decisions 2010/261** and **2010/262**.

Procedures for the election of the members of the Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

25. At its 48th meeting, on 9 September 2010, following a statement by the President, the Council decided: (a) that the election of the 41 members of the Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women would be held as soon as possible and by early November 2010; and (b) to discuss further the issue of the staggering of terms, so as to reach an agreement on the modalities prior to the elections (see E/2010/SR.48). See Council **decision 2010/261**.

Procedures for the election of the members of the Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

26. At its 49th meeting, on 25 October 2010, the Council had before it a draft resolution entitled "Procedures for the election of the members of the Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women" (E/2010/L.40) submitted by the President on the basis of informal consultations.

27. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft resolution (see E/2010/SR.49). See Council **resolution 2010/35**.

Theme for the thematic discussion of the high-level segment of the substantive session of 2011

28. At its 50th meeting, on 10 November 2010, following a statement by the President, the Council decided that the theme for the thematic discussion of the high-level segment of its substantive session of 2011 would be "Current global and

national trends and challenges and their impact on education (see E/2010/SR.50). See Council **decision 2010/262**.

Membership of the Economic and Social Council in the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission

29. At its 51st meeting, on 14 December 2010, the Council had before it a draft resolution entitled "Membership of the Economic and Social Council in the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission" (E/2010/L.42) submitted by the President on the basis of informal consultations.

30. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft resolution (see E/2010/SR.51). See Council **resolution 2010/36**.